

# ROCKY MOUNTAIN ARSENAL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

## 2006 FISHING SEASON

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

General Information: Please be prepared before heading out on the trails. Water, bug repellent, sun screen, sturdy hiking shoes, hat, jacket, and gloves are recommended. If fishing at Lake Ladora, it is recommended that you use steel leaders.

1. Please stay on designated trails and obey posted signs.
2. Observe wildlife from a safe distance.
3. Please put litter in designated receptacles (cigarette butts, fishing line, and trash).
4. Collecting, removing, or disturbing any animal, plant, or historical object is illegal.
5. Possession of alcohol, controlled substances, firearms, and weapons is illegal.

### EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROCEDURES

Colorado weather can change suddenly. Keep an eye on the sky and watch for lightning and developing severe weather conditions.

1. In the event of a tornado - seek shelter immediately. If in an open field, lay down in the nearest ditch.
2. For medical attention - contact the nearest U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service employee or volunteer.

### GENERAL FISHING INFORMATION AND REGULATIONS

#### I. Season Dates

A. The 2006 Refuge fishing season shall extend from June 3 through October 15.

B. Fishing will be permitted on Saturdays and Sundays from 6:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. 1st Saturday and 3rd Sunday 6:00 am- 6:30 pm - June 3, 18, July 1, 16, August 5, 20, September 2, 17, October 7, 15

#### II. License Requirements

A. A Colorado fishing or small game combination license is required for all persons 16 years of age or older who fish. A license is not required for persons under the age of 16.

B. Anglers 16 years of age and older must possess their signed RMA fishing permit and Colorado State fishing license while fishing at the Refuge.

C. At all times anglers 16 years of age and older will be required to possess their fishing fee receipt.

#### III. Optional Safety Equipment

A. Anglers are not required to wear personal flotation devices (PFD), however, adult and youth sized PFD's are available for anglers to check-out at the Visitor Center.

#### IV. Manner of Take and Other Regulations

A. Fishing by any means other than rod and line or free pole are prohibited. Special casting aids and fishing devices are allowed for disabled individuals only.

B. Fishing with artificial flies or lures only. Power-bait and scented artificial bait is allowed. Live and cut bait are not allowed.

C. Chumming, gigging, snagging, seining, or netting a non-hooked fish is prohibited.

D. Fishing is prohibited with two or more hooks per line with the exception of commercially made lures which may incorporate multiple or treble barbless hooks.

E. Fishing with barbed hooks is not permitted. Barbs must be clipped or pressed flat.

F. Upon request by any Service staff, anglers must provide their CO fishing license, fishing badge, signed permit and driver's license.

G. Only catch and release fishing is allowed.

H. Anglers are responsible for all actions taken by minors under their guidance.

I. Swimming is prohibited.

J. Pets are prohibited with the exception of assistance dogs.

K. Disturbance to wildlife or their habitat is illegal.

L. Picnics are prohibited, however, food and drink are permissible.

M. Anglers must park vehicles in designated parking areas.

N. Commercial guiding is prohibited.

O. All trash must be placed in the proper trash receptacles or transported off the Refuge by the party responsible for the trash.

P. Lakes Mary and Ladora are the only lakes open to fishing.

Q. Glass containers (including beverage containers) with the exception of bait jars are prohibited.

**Note:** We are not responsible for lost property.

### SPECIFIC LAKE REGULATIONS

#### I. Lake Mary

A. All cattail peninsulas are closed to angler entrance or fishing.

B. Wading is prohibited.

#### II. Lake Ladora

A. Fishing at the northern and eastern shores is illegal.

B. Wading with calf, hip, or chest waders is permissible.

